[9th March 1934

Contributions from the ryotwari landholders under the Tirumalaikozhunthupuram channel for the construction of a new channel.

* 750 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the Tirumalaikozhunthupuram drainage channel in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) whether the ryotwari landholders whose lands have been served by the ohannel have been called upon to pay any contributions towards the cost of the construction of a new channel and, if so, what the amount of the same is;

(*b*) if not, whether there is any proposal to ask for any such contribution and, if so, what the amount is; and

(*c*) whether it is the policy of Government to demand such contributions and whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement explaining their policy in regard to contributions from ryotwari landholders?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The ryots were consulted and they have offered to pay a contribution of Rs. 4,248.

(*c*) The Government invite contributions towards the cost of works which without such contributions would have to be dropped on financial grounds.

Land Revenue Administration

Circular of the Tahsildar of Tinnevelly, dated the 6th January 1934, to the Village Officers regarding kist collection.

* 751 *Q.*—Mr. Ahmed Meeran: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Tinnevelly taluk in the district of Tinnevelly has issued a circular, dated 6th January 1934, according to paragraph 15 of which a good service entry will be given to those village officers who make a return of nil arrears in respect of the second instalment of kist and those who keep any amount in arrears are liable to be suspended;

(*b*) whether, as mentioned in paragraph 14 of the circular, the District Collector of Tinnevelly has arranged for loans to be advanced to landholders at low rates of interest on pledge of jewels; and if so, what the rate is of the interest;

(*c*) whether similar circulars have been issued by other Tahsildars in the Tinnevelly district; and

(*d*) whether the above circular was issued with the approval of the Government?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The Government have not the information.

(*d*) The Government have not been approached for approval of any instructions of the kind mentioned.